Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Hydraulic~~ A hydraulic controller arrangement for ~~the~~ pressure medium supply of a hydraulic consumer whereby a load having a high mass may be moved, ~~comprising~~ the hydraulic controller arrangement comprising:

a pump which may be controlled ~~in dependence on the~~dependent upon a load pressure at the ~~consumer and whereby~~consumer;

a proportionally adjustable directional control valve, wherein the pressure medium may be conducted via ~~a~~ the proportionally adjustable directional control valve to the consumer and from the ~~latter~~ consumer to a tank passage via a drain cross-section controlled ~~open~~to be opened by a drain control edge of the directional control ~~valve to a tank passage, characterized in that in the~~valve;

a pressure limiting valve disposed in a pressure medium flow path between the consumer and the tank ~~passage a drain backup valve is arranged,~~ passage, the pressure limiting valve being subjected in its opening direction to pressure in a pressure medium return, whereby it is possible to open a drain branch line leading to the tank passage substantially prior to opening of the drain cross-section.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Hydraulic~~ The hydraulic controller arrangement ~~in accordance with~~of claim 1, wherein shut-off means for blocking the drain branch line during a predetermined stroke of a regulator of the directional control valve are provided in the drain branch line upstream or downstream from the ~~drain backup~~ pressure limiting valve.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~control~~ hydraulic controller arrangement ~~in accordance with~~ of claim 2, wherein the shut-off means are formed by a control edge of the regulator.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The control arrangement in accordance with~~The hydraulic controller arrangement of claim 1, wherein the ~~drain backup~~ pressure limiting valve and the drain branch line are integrated into a regulator of the directional control valve.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~control~~ hydraulic controller arrangement ~~in accordance with~~of claim 3, wherein the control edge is formed by a control groove into which a radial bore of the drain branch line merges.

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~control arrangement in accordance with~~hydraulic controller arrangement of claim 2, wherein the ~~drain backup valve is a~~ pressure limiting valve ~~comprising~~ comprises a valve body that is biased against a valve seat.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~control arrangement in accordance with~~hydraulic controller arrangement of claim 4, wherein the ~~drain backup~~ pressure limiting valve is arranged in a sleeve inserted into the regulator, at the outer periphery of which a load reporting passage extends which is formed in portions thereof by a longitudinal groove.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~control arrangement in accordance with~~hydraulic controller arrangement of claim 4, wherein the ~~drain backup~~ pressure limiting valve is arranged in a portion of the drain branch line extending in parallel with a load reporting passage, with the portion of the drain branch line and/or the load reporting passage extending at a parallel spacing from the regulator axis.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~control arrangement in accordance with~~hydraulic controller arrangement of claim 1, wherein the directional control valve has two work ports A, B, and to each work port one ~~drain backup~~ pressure limiting valve is associated.